



Utica Maennerchor News



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2012

(315) 735-5882 Club Haus

February

UTICA MAENNERCHOR 5535 FLANAGAN ROAD P.O. BOX 441 MARCY, NY 13403

UPCOMING EVENTS – Check our Web Site and Flyers in the Club

Fish Fries and other food specials every Friday, 5:00 - 7:30 PM

Jan. 28 – Pitch Tournament 11 a.m.

Feb. 6 – Board Meeting 7 p.m.

Feb. 10 – Ice Bar - Steak Night – Fish fry

Feb. 12 – Valentine Brunch 9:30 – Noon

Feb. 18 – Fasching Dinner Dance (German Mardi Gras) 6 – 11 p.m.

Feb. 20 – General Meeting 7 p.m. – all members welcome to share ideas

Feb. 23 – Orange & Grapefruit Sale – Orders Due (for March 9th sale)

Feb. 25 – Pitch Tournament 11 a.m.

Feb. 29 – MVCC International Festival Noon – 2

Mar. 9 – Fruit Sale

Mar. 11 – Pancake Breakfast 9 – Noon

Mar. 17 – St. Patrick's Day Party Noon – 5p.m.

July 20, 21, 22 Bavarian Festival

TRUSTEES MESSAGE by Cal Anacker – Winter so far – a little snow – a touch of cold – all in all, not bad so far.

We are looking forward to summer. The bands are booked for the Bavarian Festival and the "In The Grove" socials are being planned, along with some new ideas. Also, we are having 2 Chicken BBQ's, one in June with the other in August.

Do you have any ideas or want to get involved? Try us! We have a beautiful facility. So let's use it!

We have a pitch league on Tuesdays with 34 teams and a shuffle board league on Thursdays with 10 teams. Both leagues would like to expand. We also have a foosball machine being donated that should be at the Club shortly.

In the near future, the Club will feature that "Valentine Brunch", Fasching (German Mardi Gras), a Pitch Tournament, the St. Patrick's Day Party, the Sauerbraten Dinner and our Anniversary Banquet. Check the "Upcoming Events" above for dates and times.

The Bavarian Festival is only 6 months away and the idea of a 'fun game' area has come up. If you have any ideas or suggestions for this new area, please share them.

We need you to help us. Please "Get Involved". Attend the monthly Club meeting that is held the 3rd Monday of every month starting at 7:00 PM.

Lastly, the Utica Maennerchor will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 3 years. Please share your thoughts and ideas on how we can make this a gala affair.

2012 CLUB DUES – Dues cards for Club entry have been mailed and we thank all who renewed promptly. If you overlooked your notices, we still look forward to your continued membership with checks payable to Utica Maennerchor. Our Club offers many enjoyable services and our food and friendship is the best.

If you have any questions, call your Club Secretary Judy at 736-7014. As a reminder, if you sponsor three **paid** new members, your dues for 2013 will be waived

2012 TREASURER – Our new Club Treasurer is Christine Krupa who was approved at our January General meeting. We welcome and thank her for taking on this position. MaryAnn Guzzetta has been a wonderful Treasurer and we thank her

assistance as we transition to our new Treasurer. All of our Club Officers and Trustees are listed on the bulletin board and are willing to answer any questions and/or concerns you might have.

CHORUS – The Music Committee met January 4th and Gail Miller and Leo Schwenzfeier were re-elected as Chairmen of the Committee. We are grateful to Carol Daly and Bill Kritzler for continuing with their Club Vice President positions. We thank all four for their continued commitment. Saengerfest prize songs have been selected and our practice schedule continues each Wednesday. Singer commitment forms have been handed out to be signed and returned. We are off to a great start and thank these volunteers under the direction of David Kolb along with our pianist Mark Radlowski.

ICE BAR & STEAK NIGHT – Fish Fry/STEAK and a fun night with an outdoor ICE BAR. We are taking your suggestion of having steak on February 10th. There will be a limited number so get there early or let Josh know you'd like a steak dinner ahead of time. Then join us outside! Last year this event had us toasting & singing as the snowflakes fell and it was FUN!! This is something different to talk about and very creative. You can stay as long as you want around the camp fire.

VALENTINE BRUNCH – On February 12th, join us for a delicious brunch. Brunch includes made to order omelets, and a delicious array of breakfast treats. \$9 adults and \$5 children. We will serve 9:30 AM to noon. We are open to the public and hope you'll invite your special valentine, family & friends.

FASCHING – CARNIVAL - GERMAN MARDI GRAS – Join us for our annual tradition by attending our dinner dance on Saturday, February 18th at 6 PM for a delicious ham dinner with all the fixings! Dancing begins at 7 PM with Fritz's Polka Band. The cost for Dinner and Dance is \$17 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. The Dance only is \$10. We welcome families and in our tradition we hope to see many costumes for our parade. Prizes will be given for best costume, couple, group and most original. Reservations by February 15th. Invite your family & friends as we celebrate before "Fat Tuesday" with this late winter celebration designed to welcome spring.

CLUB ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT SALE – A sign-up form is located at the front & back bulletin boards at the Club or by calling Judy at 736-7014. Orders are due by February 23rd for March 9th pick-up during Fish Fry. Your checks made payable to the Utica Maennerchor or cash are due by March 2nd. A full case of California oranges or Florida grapefruit cost \$25 or half case \$13. Remember – this is a healthy fund-raiser and we welcome orders from your family or friends.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY – Details on our noon – 5 PM, March 17th Party will be included in our March newsletter. The Chairmen, Carol and Bob Lawless, have plans for Irish Music and Dancers. Keep this date open for this family event.

PITCH TOURNAMENT - Join us January 28th at the Club. The cost is \$15 per person and bring a dish to share. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. All who want to play are welcome as long as you have a team of 2.

HOUSE COMMITTEE by Denis Eagan – The Wednesday crew continues to work each week to keep up your Club. Multiple projects are in the works and we can always use new folks to give us a hand. So if you have cabin fever, get out and come on down. We are there from 8 AM until noon. The tool of the month is a radial arm saw. If you have one you would like to donate, give me a call at 336- 4590. Remember all donations are tax deductible!! I am also looking for anyone that could help with writing a grant. If you are interested let me know.

Don't forget the **Queen of Hearts** raffle tickets can be purchased any time the club is open and the drawing is during the fish fry until the queen shows herself!!

Would you like to consider a bequest to our Club in memory of a loved one? If interested, please contact a Club Officer or Trustee.

NOTE: We are looking for volunteers to chair, cook or work Club events. Long-time Club chairmen are willing to be helpful in handing down our traditions and cooking skills. If you can help, call our Club Secretary, Judy at 736-7014. It can be fun to be involved and a great way to meet new friends in our Maennerchor family. We have fun and our family is growing. We need someone to start learning the office work. Operating the computer, copier, making posters, tickets, placemats, making newsletters, filing paperwork, etc. For more information call Ed at 866-1571 or 735-5882. We could use some help selling the tickets on Fridays at the Club during Fish Fry, or taking tickets to sell out of the Club. If you can help, contact Leo Schwenzfeier at the Club or 736-7014. Your help will be appreciated

NEWSLETTER via EMAIL & Miscellaneous – **Please send us your email address if you wish to receive your newsletter electronically.** The Club is now connected to WiFi. Our club e-mail address is: uticamaennerchor@centralny.twcbc.com.

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